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Sir:	
In response to the Office Action dated Ju	ine 26, 2002, Applicants submit the following
amendments and remarks:	

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 41-76 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claim 77 as follows:

77. (Amended) A system for multiplexing/demultiplexing optical signals in a set of multiple channels within an operating window of a fiber communication network, comprising:

a coarse wavelength division multiplexing demultiplexing unit configured to support bi-directional optical signal traffic, the optical signal traffic comprising a first set of

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